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News of Interest to All

More than 6,000,000 motorists visited California national forests last year.

A complete mineral survey of Marin county is now being conducted by the State Mining bureau.

Only 140 women and 450 men out of a qualified group of 1300 applicants will be admitted to Stanford in the fall, according to notices sent out last week to the successful 590.

Customs collections in San Francisco last month totaled \$1,120,254.49, compared with \$1,052,994.49 in May, 1926. During the same month a decade ago the tariff duties collected amounted to \$380,785.06.

Leighroy Miller, Porterville aviator and veteran of the World war, will attempt a flight from the Pacific coast to Tokyo, Japan, if he can obtain \$15,000 from his home city to finance preparations for the trip, he has announced.

Freshman hazing has been abolished by volunteer action of the students at the University of California at Los Angeles. There will be the annual class scrap, which will last half a day, but aside from that freshmen are to be unmolested.

The national forests form the home of a part of all the large game found in California and contain, according to a wild life census made by forest service officials, 225,000 deer, 10,000 bear, 1,000 mountain sheep, 400 antelope and 150 elk. In addition there are large numbers of predatory beasts, including 50,000 coyotes, 22,000 lynx and wildcats and 2,000 mountain lions.

Just twenty-four hours after he was forced the first time in his life to forego the annual Memorial day pilgrimage to the graves of his former comrades, Abram B. Covall, civil war veteran and oldest G. A. R. commander in the United States, who recently celebrated his one hundredth birthday, died May 31 of heart failure at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. L. Hamilton of Oakland.

Mrs. John Hammond Crabbe, formerly Miss Mary Freeman of Woodland, member of the family which founded Woodland, has been awarded a \$35,000 damage judgment in San Francisco courts against Ira O. Rhoades, purchasing agent of the Southern Pacific company, held responsible for an automobile accident in which she was seriously injured. Mrs. Crabbe lost the sight of one eye.

Farwell Brown, editor of the Oroville "Mercury," and his mother, Mrs. Murat Brown, were found dead in their home one morning last week from asphyxiation. It is thought that Mrs. Brown, an invalid, succumbed to the gas fumes while she was preparing dinner. Her son, returning, found her, and carried her to the porch. Re-entering the kitchen to turn off the stove, he is believed to have been overcome by the gas himself.

Revealing plans for construction of a great reservoir in French Meadows at a cost of approximately \$10,000,000, John L. McNab, San Francisco attorney, has petitioned the state division of water rights for a permit to divert 200 second feet of water from the middle fork of the American river in Placer county, and to store 30,000-acre feet in the proposed reservoir. The project contemplates development of 75,000 theoretical horsepower of electric energy.

The Sespe Development corporation announced that it will build a suspended monorail system to connect Fillmore and Sespe Hot Springs, a distance of twenty miles through Sespe canyon. The line will carry both freight and passengers, the cars to run at a speed of 100 miles an hour. With the twenty-mile run taking less than twenty minutes, officers of the corporation said that Fillmore and other parts of Ventura county would be brought within an hour's ride of Los Angeles.

Four years will be devoted to the establishment of a wild flower sanctuary in Yosemite valley surrounding the new \$1,000,000 Ahwahnee hotel, according to the plans of Carl Purdy, naturalist of Ukiah. "We will attempt to recreate the natural meadow effect in front of the Ahwahnee," explained Purdy. "Hundreds of flowers which are native will be planted there. One side of the meadow will be a rock garden, which will include specimens of the wild flowers found in the higher altitudes." "The Romance of the Redwoods," the colorful outdoor drama featuring the beauties of the primitive woodlands, will be presented under the direction of Garnet Holme as the first annual Humboldt Redwood pageant in the Humboldt redwood forest near Eureka on June 11 and 12. The redwoods play, embodying a woodland motive whose underlying story is the preser-

vation of the giant trees, was written by Holme and Dan Toheroh, both noted for production of pageantry.

Building of a hotel and thirty cottages, nucleus of an exclusive "divorce colony," is proceeding at the south end of Lake Tahoe. The cottages are on the Nevada side of the boundary, with the inn squarely on the California-Nevada line. The project is designed to divert profits of the divorce business from Reno. Residents at the colony will be restricted to divorce seekers. Reno lawyers admit the three months' divorce law is not bringing the rush of business anticipated, and the Tahoe project has caused consternation in local business and legal circles.

A squad of eight Indian Runners, from which at least four will be chosen to carry the colors of the Oregon Cavemen in the Redwood highway Indian marathon starting from San Francisco for Grants Pass, Ore., June 14, has been undergoing intensive training for the contest under a special trainer. The squad comprises husky braves of the Karok tribe, picked from trapping and hunting country 80 to 160 miles in the interior. The training camp is down on the Klamath river, where the Indians are subjected to a strict daily regimen, starting with a 5 a. m. plunge in the river and a two-mile jaunt and rub-down before breakfast. The day is devoted to combined running and hiking over the mountain trails. The runners will be brought to San Francisco a few days in advance of the start of the race.

Operations of the Decimo club, an organization with the announced purpose of improving the financial condition of the "white collar" employees in violation of the corporate securities act of California, it was announced by Howard C. Ellis, deputy state commissioner of corporations. Ellis held the plan of business now being followed by the Decimo club, Inc., and other similar organizations, in the opinion of the commissioner of corporations, "contrary to the corporate securities act of this state, and in violation thereof." According to information obtained by Commissioner of Corporations John M. Friedlander, the various organizations have a membership of 20,000 on the Pacific coast.

One of science's choice morsels of mystery is believed to have been uncovered last week when a bed of hundreds of live clams was found on the side of Scotia's bluff, twenty miles south of Eureka, and about the same distance inland from the Pacific ocean. Workmen operating a steam shovel on the Northwestern Pacific railroad, biting with the shovel into the side of the bluff, approximately 120 feet above sea level and some eighty feet above the Eel river, directly below, traced a path through a bivalvian colony. Those making the discovery said the clams did not resemble the fresh water variety, but were similar to the Tazor clam of salt water.

Apportionment of \$4,116,496.66 to the counties and an equal sum to the state from the gasoline tax collections between October 1, 1926, and March 31, 1927, has been announced by State Controller Ray E. Riley. The money must be expended for maintenance and reconstruction of highways. The apportionment represents an increase of 11.5 per cent over the \$3,691,800.21 distributed to the state and the equal amount to the counties for the same period a year ago. The apportionment for the year ending March 31, this year, of \$3,450,276.44 to the counties and an equal sum to the state represents an increase of \$948,912.29, or 12.6 per cent.

The state board of prison directors has resumed its policy of "open paroles," following the storm of protest that followed the parole of Harry Court, and made public thirty-two cases. It was announced by Mark Noon, clerk of the board, that during the last meeting 194 cases were considered. Of this number 87 were applications for parole and 107 were for the fixing of terms of men sentenced under the indeterminate sentence law. Thirty-two immediate paroles were granted, including eight for deportation and 24 to relatives or suitable jobs.

How many people in California could name 140 varieties of wild flowers without making a mistake? Five boys from Lytton, the Salvation Army's Home and Farm for Orphan Children in Sonoma county, accomplished that feat successfully at a Santa Rosa wild flower contest, thus winning the prize for the William Booth school, which they attend on the 700-acre ranch where they live and study flower lore. Those are the youngsters who recently sent wild flowers to Mrs. Coolidge.

A floating trade exhibit, intended to educate the public in Australia in the superiority of Pacific coast products, is scheduled to sail from San Francisco ports in July, according to an announcement by MacDonald & Co.,

Second Symphony Concert Sunday

Next Sunday afternoon at Hillsborough's Woodland Theater, the second symphony concert of the summer season will be given.

Nikolai Sokoloff, who last Sunday so auspiciously opened the Philharmonic Society of San Mateo County's second series of open air concerts, will again be the conductor. The following program will be played by the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra:

Overture, "Die Meistersinger," by Wagner.
Symphony, "Israel" Bloch.
"Nutcracker Suite," Tchaikowsky.
"Vienna Woods" Waltz, Strauss.
"Caprice Espagnol," Rimsky-Korsakoff.

Of the compositions scheduled, the symphony "Israel" by Ernest Bloch is the most important number. This will be the first performance of it in this part of California. Bloch, a resident of San Francisco, is a member of the faculty of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He was born in Geneva in 1880. His early music study took him to Belgium and Germany. While in Brussels he studied violin with Ysaye. His gift for composition was discovered and developed while under the influence of Ivan Knorr, an eminent pedagogue of Frankfurt. After returning to Geneva, Bloch lectured at the Geneva Conservatory of Music, besides appearing as symphony conductor in other cities in Switzerland.

He came to America in 1916 as conductor of the Maud Allan Company, and very soon after arriving began his career of successful appearances in various cities in the United States both as a conductor and composer. Several of his scores have been locally heard, and his many admirers are much interested in the prospect of hearing this much talked of symphony.

"Israel" is considered one of the best examples of his style and inspiration. The symphony, composed between 1912 and 1916, and published in 1925, was conceived, declares Bloch, as an expression of the sorrows of Israel, the Jewish soul that he feels vibrating throughout the Bible. He has not used folk-songs for themes, but has drawn upon his own originality and imagination to musically picture his sympathy and understanding of the underlying racial emotions of the Jews.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS GIVE FOR FLOOD RELIEF

Menlo Parlor No. 185, Native Sons of the Golden West, at their last meeting voted \$10 for the Mississippi flood relief fund.

Miss Betty Downey will leave on the 18th for a tour of Europe and plans to be gone about six months. She will be accompanied by a number of friends.

San Francisco importers and exporters, sponsors of the project. The exhibit comprises displays by numerous coast manufacturers.

Having passed the 5300 mark in enlisted strength, California's national guard now is the strongest in its history. It also is exceeded in efficiency only by the New York troops. Reports received by Adjutant-General L. E. Middlestadt show that during April the 92 organizations in California established a record of 73.82 per cent for drill attendance.

The total budget of running expenses for the University of California for the coming year, exclusive of endowments, is \$6,287,167. The fund comes out of state revenue and includes salaries for some 1,300 faculty members in addition to many other employees.

Governor C. C. Young has the disposal of more than 100 state political positions to consider and he must take steps to fill a majority of these jobs as soon as the enactments of the recent legislature become effective next month. Nearly 80 appointments are placed directly or indirectly within the gift of the governor by new legislation and many of the posts involved are new ones. Several of these new jobs carry salaries ranging above \$4,000. Notable among these are the positions of director of public works and director of finance, which will pay \$10,000 each.

Woman's Clubs Hold Indoor Picnic

The unusual rain storm Tuesday morning threatened for a time to upset the plans of the Mayfield Woman's Club and the Menlo Park Study Club for their annual picnic which had been scheduled to be held at Kendall Dell on that day. By the use of the telephone, members were notified of a change of plans, when it became apparent that an outdoor affair could not be held. Mrs. J. J. Garland, a member of the Menlo Park Club graciously offered the use of her spacious home for the affair and thereby turned the outdoor picnic into an indoor one, which was one of the most pleasant affairs ever held in the history of the Clubs.

Immediately following a bountiful lunch from the well filled hampers, the group was entertained for more than an hour with a delightful talk by Mrs. E. C. Pack of South San Francisco of her recent European tour. Mrs. Peck commenced her narrative by describing the Leviathan and her trip across to Cherbourg, then the trip through the quaint old land of Normandy, her impressions of Paris, with visits to the Louvre, the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Eiffel Tower, the cafes, where she said that the drinking and smoking was so disgusting that there was no particular attraction for her in the visit. The battle fields, ruined cities and cathedrals were vividly described, also visits to Florence, Naples, Venice, Rome, the Alps and Germany. Mrs. Peck praised the cleanliness of the Germans, their homes and shops. She also described her reactions in an airplane trip from France to London, and the trip home on the same steamer which carried Queen Marie of Roumania and her retinue. Many questions were answered during the talk and the group felt as if they had a better personal knowledge of places described than heretofore.

Mrs. E. Gardner, program chairman of the Menlo Park Club gave a delightful reading by Eugene Field, entitled, "Picnic Time," which was thoroughly enjoyed. Another, "America for Me," was most appropriate following the travel talk and made all appreciate their home land more than ever.

Mrs. T. B. Steer of Mayfield sang "Mighty Lak a Rose," and Mrs. Setzer and Mrs. Garland sang, "Santa Lucia." Mrs. A. K. Myers acted as the accompanist.

Mrs. Jay T. Cooper, retiring president of the Menlo Park Study Club, who left for a trip to her former home in Boston early Wednesday morning was honored in a pretty little verse read by Mrs. Gardner and presented to her as a memento. It follows:

Goodbye, and may you not forget,
Wherever you shall roam,
That for us here it will be dear
Till you come safely home;
May rosy waves before you lie,
And joy attend you there—Goodbye!

An invitation was read from the U. S. Veteran's Hospital, to the dedication of the open air swimming pool on Sunday, June 12th at 2:30 o'clock, and also a letter to the Study Club thanking it for the recent contribution of cakes to the boys in Ward 2.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Garland for her generous hospitality.

WILLOW ROAD IMPROVEMENT BEING SOUGHT

Willow road, a leading route to the Dumbarton bridge, is in need of extensive repairs, according to a letter sent from the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce to the county Supervisors.

Menlo Park boosters believe that the county engineer should survey the route and prepare for the road's widening and improvement. They state that property owners along the road are willing to donate land necessary to widen it.

Action should be taken at once, it is made plain by the letter, which has been referred to County Engineer George A. Kneese.

Miss Frances Stent entertained several friends over the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stent.

Community Jests

The following communication has been received and is printed for what it appears to be worth, but has nothing to do with the policy of the paper.—Editor.

Editor Recorder,

Dear Sir:

There appeared in a recent edition of a Redwood City Daily, to be more specific in the column thereof designated as the "Waste basket," just why any particular column or columns of the aforementioned journal should be specially designated as the "waste basket" is not apparent to the discriminating reader. This wait of the waste basket is some what categorically introduced with the pertinent not to say pointed question, "Does Redwood City Want a Community Chest?" a few lines later another somewhat leading query appears, "Does Redwood City Know What a Community Chest is?" This question might be objected to on the grounds that it is not material and no evidence to the contrary has been introduced regarding the original editorial question. Why confine this query to Redwood City or any other portion of San Mateo county when as a matter of fact the taxpayers of the county realize that they maintain the largest and most expensive political public Community Chest of any county in California or in any county in any state of the Union of the same class.

As to the 15 per cent of the people of Redwood City that are strong for a local community chest accepting the figures offered by the local editor and ignoring the question "Do They Know What a Community Chest Is?" at that they are placed somewhat in the position of an employee of a pioneer San Mateo county farmer long since passed on. This farmer in conjunction with his extensive farming interests conducted a hotel or headquarters for his employees and it is needless to add maintained a well patronized saloon in conjunction therewith as a matter of fact his "byes" as he termed them found themselves when payday came round if not in debt to the house at least with a trifling sum due them. This they accepted without question as the timekeeper was also the bartender during a particularly busy haying season a tall and taciturn individual, a recent arrival from the corn belt sought and secured employment. When payday arrived this strictly temperate farmer, who was somewhat of a curiosity in those days was indignant not to say shocked to find himself charged with a regular routine of drinks, Sundays included. He immediately launched a torrid denunciation of liquor in all forms and further declared his strict adherence to temperance from his childhood days. The farmer was not only surprised but annoyed at this sudden turn of affairs, but assuming, a somewhat paternal attitude and gazing on the indignant haymaker addressed him: "Now me bye I am in no way responsible for your bringing up, ye well knew when you was hired that there was plenty av it here, and it is your own fault if ye didn't get it."

This story will serve to illustrate the unreasonable claims of the individuals who failed to hang up their sox when the political Santa Claus makes his monthly visits and in addition there is an active organization employed to ferret out the bashful and retiring individuals who do not believe in Santa Claus and see that they are provided with the necessities and if any financial shortage should exist in regard to luxuries and their radio batteries having gone to join the innumerable batteries that move to the municipal dumps, even these will be provided and if wearied of listening to "It was in a little Spanish town," or the seductive strains of "La Paloma" should pull on the impetuous owner of a Graphophone the Angels of the county treasury will see that he is porved with some of the latest jazz records to while away his idle hours and incidentally annoy the neighbors. In concluding Mr. Editor, we wish to record that the foregoing lines are written in no selfish or be-

WOODSIDE P. T. A. PLANS RAISING OF NEEDED FUNDS

Various plans for the raising of funds to provide a combined basket and volley-ball court on the playgrounds, as well as several necessary articles for the school before fall, were under discussion at the last meeting of the Woodside Parent Teacher Association. Plans for a fall bazaar are also well under way, with Mesdames Neuman, Dudley and McKenzie on the committee in charge of the articles to be made.

Mrs. J. J. Garland, of Menlo Park, first vice president of the San Mateo County Federation, was present and installed the following officers for the coming year: President, Mrs. G. W. Givens; vice president, Mrs. Paul Palmer; recording secretary, Mrs. P. J. Jarvis; corresponding secretary, Mrs. O. Dudley; treasurer, Mrs. A. Meyer; auditor, Mrs. James Neuman; historian, Mrs. A. Davis; parliamentarian Mrs. L. P. Davis.

There will be a social evening of games, stunts and music at the school next Friday evening. Admission will be 35 cents and a large number of the young people are hoped for. Mrs. Meyers is in charge of the program and Mrs. L. P. Davis the refreshments.

Also a movie show will be held in the big hall on the evening of June 14th, at which time movies taken of the local May fete parade will be shown in addition to the regular feature picture.

LAS LOMITAS P. T. A. HAVE ENJOYABLE SESSION

Last Saturday, June fourth was the regular monthly meeting of the Las Lomitas Parent Teacher Association. The ladies made this meeting a special occasion with a luncheon in honor of their presidents, past and present — Mrs. J. B. Feliz, Miss Bernadette Clark, Miss Nan Campbell and Miss Meta Wolters.

Mrs. Adelaide Beach, as toastmistress made everyone happy by her gracious welcome and witty stories.

Twenty-five ladies enjoyed the occasion, who hope it will become an annual event.

Those who responded to toasts were: Mrs. H. Skelton, Mrs. P. E. Davidson, Miss Clark, Miss Wolters, Miss Chase and Mrs. Werthman.

The Las Lomitas P. T. A. has been very active during the past year and have accomplished much for the good of the school.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC IS DELIGHTFUL SUCCESS

The Presbyterian Sunday School picnic held last Saturday was the largest and most successful picnic in the history of the school. More than 130 went to Congress Springs for the event, some by machine and the majority by street car.

Nearly a hundred were taken to the car at Palo Alto by trucks donated by local express and draying companies, and the car chartered for the purpose took them the rest of the journey.

The Congress Springs picnic grounds are ideal for picnic purposes and there was no lack of entertainment. A bounteous lunch was spread at the noon hour and a program of games and contests and treasure hunts was provided for the afternoon.

On Monday evening at the regular meeting of the church trustees a vote of thanks was extended to the Derry Fuel and Dray Company and to Mr. Kearney, expressman, for their kindness in donating the transportation of the children to and from Palo Alto.

F. N. Harris, who has been doing the mechanical work on the Menlo Park Recorder since the publisher, L. E. Harris, was injured four months ago will represent the paper as a guest of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company on a tour of inspection of some of their power developments in the Sierra Nevada mountains this week end.

grudging spirit but rather with a keen appreciation of the real spirit of socialism which after all is the only tenet of that much discussed doctrine that may be practically applied through the distribution of public funds.

Yours for bigger and better political Community Chests,

A. READER.

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MISS HELEN GALE GIVEN SHOWER FRIDAY NIGHT

A shower was given Miss Helen Gale, who is to be married to Chas. R. Betts the last of this month, last Friday night by the Hays Guild of the Presbyterian Church.

The party took place at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Field, with Mrs. Field and Mrs. Elsie Macfadyan as hostesses.

The story of Miss Gale's approaching honeymoon was acted out in a very amusing manner and furnished the evening's chief diversion. A very handsome silk and wool comforter was presented to Miss Gale at the close of the evening.

RAIN TUESDAY DID BUT LITTLE DAMAGE HERE

The rain storm that visited this section of California last Tuesday was unusual in the extreme and did very little damage here. According to Menlo Park's Rain Man, Jos. Verka, there was an addition of .40 of an inch to the seasons total.

The rain was accompanied by both thunder and lightning, something that has not occurred here in many years. In explaining the cause of the rain, the local weather man said that he needed a little more to make his measurements come out right and so turned the water on Tuesday.

A large dinner dance was given on Saturday evening last at the Menlo Country Club. A large number of prominent Peninsula residents were present for the occasion.

Mrs. and Mrs. George Angus spent the week end visiting friends at Point Richmond.

St. Joseph's Alumni Association will hold a food sale in the Bank Building tomorrow. There will be a fine assortment of food and all housewives should take advantage of this labor-saving occasion.

Historic Abbey

Vallombrosa, a Benedictine abbey, is about fifteen miles east of Florence, Italy. It was founded about 1038 A. D. by John Gualbert. These magnificent conventional buildings, erected in 1873, are situated in a secluded valley of the Apennines, and are surrounded by forests of fir, beech and chestnut trees. The abbey was suppressed in 1869 and converted into a school of forestry. Vallombrosa was visited by Dante, and is mentioned by Ariosto in "Orlando Furioso," and by Milton in "Paradise Lost." It is much resorted to by artists and tourists, but owes its chief celebrity to the allusions made to it in literature.

Double Meaning

A man had a slight difference of opinion with his wife. But he acknowledged his error quite generously by saying:
"You are right, and I am wrong, as you generally are. Good-by, dear," and he hurried off to catch his train.
"So nice of him to put it like that," his wife said to herself. And then she began to think about it.—Tit-Bits.

RUMMAGE SALE FOR BENE- FIT OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A big rummage sale for the benefit of Trinity Episcopal Church will be held in the Menlo Park Hotel on next Thursday and Friday. The sale will start promptly at 9:30 in the

The ladies in charge of the sale have worked hard to put it over and a great variety of things both ornamental and useful will be offered for sale at bargain prices. This is an opportunity to help a very worthy cause along and the sale should draw a large patronage.

Those in charge of the work are: Mrs. Weir, Mrs. E. B. Hinds, Mrs. E. J. Furnival and Miss Meta Kugeler.

DR. PERICVAL LASCHE TO HEAD VET'S HOSPITAL

The arrival is awaited at the United States Veterans' Hospital here of Dr. Percival Lasche, who has been appointed medical officer in charge according to an announcement made by the Veterans' Bureau.

Dr. Lasche comes here from Perryville, Md., where he has been the commanding officer of another big hospital of the Veterans' Bureau. He will succeed Dr. P. G. Borden who resigned recently on account of ill health.

Dr. Borden is passing the summer at Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Paul Wegeforth of Coronado is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Evan Williams in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Eyre are spending this month at Carmel.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Spieker entertained at dinner last Saturday evening at their home here. They also gave a party for their three children on Wednesday evening.

Frank M. Shearer of Menlo Park was fined \$1.00 for over parking in Palo Alto this week.

TO HOLDERS OF SECOND LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

EXCHANGE OFFERING OF NEW TREASURY BONDS

Notice is given of a new offering of UNITED STATES TREASURY BONDS, dated June 15, 1927, and bearing interest from that date at the rate of 3% per cent. The bonds will mature in twenty years, but may be called for redemption after sixteen years.

Second Liberty Loan bonds will be accepted in exchange at par. Accrued interest on the Second Liberty bonds offered for exchange will be paid as of June 15, 1927.

Second Liberty Loan bonds have been called for payment on November 15, 1927, and will cease to bear interest on that date. Holders of such bonds who desire to take advantage of the exchange offer should consult their bank or trust company at once. The exchange privilege will be available for a limited period only, and may expire about June 15th.

Further information may be obtained from banks or trust companies, or from any Federal Reserve Bank.

A. W. MELLON,

Secretary of the Treasury.

Washington, May 31, 1927.

Inspiration From Nuts

Man's early inclination toward art frequently found expression through examination of various forms of nuts, and his drinking vessels were fashioned in imitation of the halved coconut or some other hard shell protecting the kernel. In India ancient dippers were made of nutshells, and specimens of antiquity are now on exhibition at the Indian museum, South Kensington, London. King Henry VI possessed a silver vessel made like a nut in 1428. Chinese carvers still work artistic devices on nutshells. In Tibet Buddhist priests often possess rosaries comprising more than 100 beads all made from carved nuts.

CERTIFICATE OF INDIVIDUAL —FICTITIOUS NAME

Civil Code Sec. 2466—2468—2470

State of California)
County of San Mateo) ss.

I hereby certify that I am transacting business in the State of California, at Menlo Park under a designation and name not showing the names of the persons interested as partners with me in such business; to wit:

"Menlo Park Super Service Station" located at El Camino Real and Valparaiso avenue.

Name Arch James Strickland, Place of Residence, Menlo Park, Calif.

State of California)
County of San Mateo) ss.

On the 10th day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and Twenty-seven before me personally appeared Arch James Strickland known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Witness my hand and the seal of my office this 10th day of May, 1927.

CHAS. C. SIMONS,
Notary public in and for the County of San Mateo, State of California.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Laurel Avenue

Early Celebration, 8:00 a. m.
The Church School, 9:30 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon 10:30 a. m.

Trinity Men's Club meets Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the Parish house.

Trinity Woman's Guild meets on Thursday afternoon at the Parish House at 2 o'clock.

RALPH P. SMITH, Rector.

Court Menlo Park, No. 8020, A. O. F.

Meetings held third Monday of each month in Duff and Doyle Hall. J. Bassett, Chief Ranger.
John M. Daly, Secretary.
W. E. Dale, Treasurer.

MENLO PARK LODGE AND CIVIC SOCIETY DIRECTORY

Menlo Park Improvement Association—

Meets in Kuck's Hotel first and third Fridays of each month.

F. J. Furnival, President.
Mark Laughlin, Secretary.

Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce—

Board of Directors meets every Monday evening, Laurel Court.
H. Sullivan, President.

Miss Emma Noel, Secretary.

Menlo Park Troop No. 107, Boy

Scouts of America—

Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 in Kuck's Hotel.

E. Harris, Scoutmaster.

F. N. Harris, Assistant Scoutmaster.

Menlo Park Study Club—

Meets in Presbyterian church, first Monday of each month.

Mrs. Jay T. Cooper, President.

Mrs. L. E. Harris, Secretary.

Girl Scouts—

Meets every Friday afternoon in Parish House at 3:30.

Miss Meta Kugeler, Captain.

Ass. Norma Judd, Lieutenant.

Native Sons of the Golden West—

Meets in Duff & Doyle Hall every Thursday night.

Barney Larrecou, President.

Roland Midgley, Secretary.

Menlo Parlor No 211, Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Meets second and fourth Mondays in Duff and Doyle Hall.

President, Mathilda Strutzenegger.

Secretary, Frances E. Maloney.

Menlo Park Horticultural Society—

Meets in Trinity Parish House first Friday of each month.

Bostock, President.

Daly, Secretary.

MENLO PARK LODGE (U. D. F. & A. M.

Meets every Friday night in Masonic Temple, Palo Alto.

Fred C. Metcalf, Worshipful Master.

John Ross Hardy, Secretary.

Hidden Treasure Mute

Reminder of Tragedy

When installing a bathroom in an old house in Vienna not long ago, an attic was disclosed above a closet which was supposed to reach clear to the roof. In it were the remnants of an old baker's oven and a wooden dough trough covered with grain sacks bearing the date 1663. Beneath the trough were household effects that evidently had belonged to a well-to-do middle-class family, such as linen garments, dishes, cups, jewelry, 330 gold coins and 1,143 silver coins. Among the former were several ducats. The most recent of the coins were dated 1671, but most of them were far older. It seems practically certain that they represented the savings of a merchant who had hidden them there at the time of the Turkish invasion of 1683.

The most important find dating from the Thirteenth century was made in 1876, on the site of the oldest Jewish cemetery, at Krems on the Danube. These coins, which were discovered when extending a neighboring vineyard, consisted of thirty gold guilders, each weighing three and one-half grammes, from Florence, Hungary, Bohemia, Austria, Silesia and Lubbeck. They were discovered at the side of a skeleton, and several other coins were unearthed later near the same spot. It has been conjectured that they were buried during the persecution of the Jews in 1349.—Neues Wiener Tagblatt.

Scars Looked Upon

as Marks of Honor

Scar decoration is a widespread practice. A wound is made in the body, and then prevented from healing until a raised scar has been produced.

Practically all the Australian tribes favor this method—among others—of decorating the body. With some the custom is connected with certain taboos. As a youth grows older these taboos are successively removed, a new scar being added to mark each occasion. In any case the scars or cicatrices are rarely raised all at once. Usually the process is prolonged throughout the period of adolescence, one or two scars being "cultivated" at a time.

Originally these scars were probably received in battle, the recipients thereafter displaying them as marks of honor. From this the custom of cicatrization would have arisen.

Nowadays, however, the scars are regarded as an aid to beauty, and are cultivated by both sexes in many places. In the Andaman islands, for instance, the women as well as the men decorate their backs in this way. It is the women, however, who perform the operation by means of broken glass.—Popular Science Monthly.

Smuggling as Sport

To a perverted feminine sporting instinct, rather than a desire to save money, is attributed the epidemic of silk smuggling into England from France, about which many amusing incidents have been related.

Women often tip two or three times the amount of the duty to accomplices who guarantee them success in getting their silks through the customs agents, according to the London Times. One such man is said to make "smuggling" for women a business. He gets the silks through by the simple expedient of declaring them and paying the duty, which amounts to less than half the stipulated reward.

Many women also go to much trouble, such as making themselves uncomfortable with several similar garments, to evade paying the duty on articles which actually are not dutiable.

Facts as to Suicide

Henpecked husbands may be surprised to know it, but suicide is more frequent among the unmarried than the married, according to a study of 307 cases made by Dr. S. Serin, a physician of Paris, and reported by the French correspondent of the American Medical association.

Suicide is resorted to as the way out of life's problems more frequently by men than by women and more often by the elderly rather than the merely adult, Doctor Serin finds. He divides the causes of suicide into five classes: insanity, alcoholism, severe grief, incurable disease and poverty.

Old Federal Bureau

The work of the bureau of engraving when started in 1892 by the first chief, with one male assistant and four female operatives, occupied one room in the attic of the west wing at Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, Washington. There was a gradual increase and by 1878 there was no additional space available for the growing bureau, and on June 30, 1878, congress appropriated \$300,000 for the purchase of the site at Fourteenth and B streets, southwest, for the erection of a building, which now stands. The building was completed and occupied July 1, 1880.

Wasps That Eat Metal

An insect known as the steel wood wasp can do considerable damage to lead.

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Early Caterpillar

A Hampstead correspondent recalls that nearly seventy years ago he saw in Hyde park a trial of a military train of wagons loaded with soldiers dressed in fatigue jackets and drawn by a steam engine bearing the name India. This engine, he says, laid and raised its own track, each "slipper" being apparently about four feet long, mounted, and revolving on rollers much like the modern caterpillar movement. The experiment, according to the London Post, appeared to aim at improved military transport, and the men hauled would probably number about 200 in eight wagons.

Record Gold Nuggets

The largest gold nugget in the world is the Welcome nugget, from Australia. This was found in Bakery hill, Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, June 11, 1858, at a depth of 180 feet. It weighs 2,195 troy ounces and is probably one of the purest and largest masses of gold ever recorded. It is approximately 99 per cent. One of the largest masses of gold (by some called nugget) in California was found in 1860 in the Monumental mine, in the Buttes of Sierra county, Calif. It weighs 1,596 troy ounces and has an approximate value of \$29,000.

Her Wonderful Eyes

It was between dances. They were sitting in a dim corner. "You have wonderful eyes," he murmured. "Yes?" she inquired, expectantly. "They are like stars," he went on. Her lips brushed him as he murmured, "They are so very bright." His hand fumbled in his pocket and he drew forth a glittering object. "They are so very bright," he repeated. He thrust his watch before her. "See if you can see the time in the dark."

Calendar Curiosities

The calendar offers certain curiosities which are little known. No century can commence on a Wednesday, Friday or Saturday. The month of October commences always on the same day of the week as the month of January; February, March, and November commence on the same day of the week. May, June and August commence on different days. These rules do not apply to leap years. The ordinary year always finishes on the same day of the week as it commenced.

Information

Mother was asking her son about the fine points of hockey. Question after question she asked him, and he answered glibly, for, like all youths, he was well versed in sports at least. The small youngster was listening round-eyed to all these questions. Finally she said in amazement: "Why do you ask brother all these questions? You're older than he is and you must know more than he does. 'Sides I thought you knew everything anyway.'"—Springfield Union.

Three Fish Stories

"After three hours and a half we landed him, and he tipped the scale at just 275 pounds." "Anyone fishing off this property will be severely prosecuted." "I tell you it was the finest flit of sole I ever tasted, and for the three of us it came to only 90 cents."

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That an explosion may result in serious injury to the human ears is a well-known fact. Gunners often open their mouths to protect their ear drums while firing large guns, says a writer in the Pathfinder Magazine. When the mouth is open the air waves set in motion by the discharge of the gun enter the throat as well as the ears. Consequently the sudden pressure against the outside of the drums is counteracted by an equal pressure against the inside. Such, however, is not the practice in the United States navy. Men working in the turrets are well protected from concussion. Those in the more exposed positions usually use pledgets of cotton in their ears to protect the drums. Some use patent ear stoppers such as are manufactured by various commercial firms. Although special ear protectors and cotton are also used, at the coast artillery target practices it is a custom for the personnel taking part to open their mouths during the actual firing of the guns in order that the pressure on the ear drums may be equalized. The men also stand on their toes to relieve the body as much as possible of the shock of the explosion.

Emphatic Negatives

The redundant negative of which Sir Walter Raleigh made a spirited defense in his essays "On Writing and Writers," never is so daringly used in literature as in real life. A laborer, relates the Manchester Guardian, being given credit for groceries with a caution not to talk about it, replied: "If no one didn't tell me more about it nor what I do, they'll know no more nor what they do." The result is cumbersome but intelligible. So also was the inquiry of a sailor seeking a job:

"I s'pose, mate, you don't know nobody what don't want nobody to do nothing, do you?"

Ancient Dutch City

Utrecht, which gave its name to the treaty signed there 214 years ago, is the capital of the province of Holland bearing the same name as that of the city. It is an ancient place, which appears frequently in European history, and especially in the history of Holland's long and heroic struggle against the Spanish oppressors for civil and religious freedom. The city today has a population of about 115,000. It is a railway center, only 22 miles southeast of Amsterdam and a strategic point in the line of defensive inundations called the "New Holland Water Line."

Largest Lump of Silver

It is said that the largest lump of pure silver ever discovered was found by an Indian in Sonora, Mexico, when that province was still a possession of Spain. The lump of silver weighed 2,750 pounds. Because of a dispute over its ownership the entire mass was appropriated by the Spanish crown. Earl V. Shannon, assistant curator of geology in the National museum, states that this story is not impossible. He has authentic record of a lump of silver weighing 400 pounds. A lump of pure silver found in Peru weighed 800 pounds.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Female of the Species

Absent-mindedness is sometimes deadly, and doubly so in the female of the species. Or, possibly it wasn't absent-mindedness. Anyway, when Blinson left for the office the other morning his wife reversed a certain daily custom, or at least she got it mixed up with certain other domestic duties. As he passed out onto the front porch she was standing in the kitchen door with a skillet in her hand. And she hurled the skillet at him and threw a kiss at the cat, which was trying to climb up onto the kitchen table.

Craw in a Tattie Field

There was recently appointed to a country parish church a young minister who, although a clever chap, is very much attracted to his "paper" during his sermon. This failing of his does not find favor with a few of his congregation, and the other Sunday, as a few of them were going home from church, one of them, the village schoolmaster, remarked: "That was a very scholarly address we got today from the minister. Don't you think so, Mr. Blunt?" "Humph!" replied Mr. Blunt, a plain old farmer. "He jist minded me o' a craw in a tattie field; two dabs an' a look up!"—Toronto Globe.

Many Odd Forms of

Home Savings Banks

From Manila comes direct evidence that the Filipinos believe in growing their own coin banks. The two most popular forms are a section of bamboo with a slit and firmly sealed on both ends, and the other is a carefully hollowed and polished coconut. The bamboo bank is called an "Arkancia" and the coconut a "Tabo." Both are pretty good at defying the attempts of children to get at the contents, because they are very difficult to break.

Although coin banks are not widely used in the Argentine there is one form which serves a double purpose, particularly in the interior of the country. This is an artistically decorated gourd which though primarily intended as a receptacle for tea drinking is sometimes converted into a coin bank. The tea drunk in the Argentine is known as "mate." It is sipped from the gourd by means of a metal tube called a "Bombilla." The gourd of tea passed from one to the other at table is considered a gesture of real friendship and regard.

Dolls and animals, attractively colored, are very popular as designs for children's coin banks in France. Singapore uses no design typical of that section of the world, the favorite receptacle being a tin can with a slit at the top.—Exchange.

Gave Thrifty Farmer

Lesson in Reverence

A country minister, who has a keen sense of humor, tells of this instance. It was in the hills of Pennsylvania and a farmer noted for his thriftiness and industry asked the minister to come out to his place on a certain day to marry him.

When the minister arrived at the designated time he found the farmer in his work clothes and bare feet, plowing, and leaving his team standing in the middle of the field he approached the minister. At the same time the bride, likewise no more garbed, approached the pair.

The minister asked the groom if he had not better tie his team before the ceremony began.

"O," replied the man, "it won't take long, and they will be all right."

The minister thought he would give the man a good lesson in reverence and so he chose the longest service he knew and prolonged the prayer to almost endless length. Needless to say, the neglected team had in the meantime plowed a furrow that was not consistent with a careful farmer's rule, and the minister enjoys his little joke to this day.—Chicago Tribune.

Some Figures Lie

Figures don't lie; you can prove anything by statistics, according to a New York statistician. We wish the professor would provide us with the figures that prove \$36.50 is too much for a piece of felt with a feather in it just before Easter. . . . Among the early Greeks the wearing of breeches was a mark of slavery. But now the ladies are starting to wear the breeches, and if they're slaves then Nero was a cousin of Uncle Tom. . . . The amazing revelation has just been announced that an intelligent man has a vocabulary of 5,000 words. Proving that even a smart man occasionally misses a three-inch putt. And, perhaps, that certain large fishes in the tropics climb trees.—Exchange.

Pets Drink Gas and Die

Drinking gas was fatal for pets of L. Roberts of Marcus Hill, Australia, recently. Roberts is employed at the gas works, and took home a small tank which had been at the works for some time. On the way home he filled it with fresh water, which he put into the troughs for his pet pigs and ducks. Next morning six pigs and many ducks were dead and other animals were ill. The tank contained gas fumes that the pets consumed as they imbibed.

Fact Generally Admitted

One of Britain's popular blond beauties, a London actress, received in her dressing room a feminine admirer who had called to "talk art." The conversation had fallen flat, due largely to the fact that the beautiful blond would talk of nothing but herself. Finally the visitor turned in desperation to an old standby.

"I suppose," she said, "that your great ambition is to play Shakespeare?" "Well," said the actress, "he has written some nice parts."

Head Adapted to Habitat

The bureau of fisheries says that the shape of the head of the halibut fish is quite different from other species, as its shape conforms to the depth at which it is found. This fish is elongated and rather thick in form and lies on its left side, which is white, while the right side, uniform dark brown in color, with very small smooth scales, is uppermost and bears both of the large eyes. The capacious mouth is symmetrically placed, as also are the ventral fins.

Antiquity of Concrete

Prof. Duff Abrams, the well-known American scientist, has recently drawn attention to the fact that concrete is older than the Christian era. It is, indeed, one of the most ancient of the world's industries. The Romans were skilled in the use of concrete, and the dome of the Pantheon at Rome is of concrete. There is, too, a fresco at Thebes which shows the process of manufacturing concrete.

Great Statesman Fond

of His "Little Joke"

Playing practical jokes was a favorite diversion of Otto von Bismarck after that German statesman had turned his back on public service and was farming at Kneiphof. His guests now and then underwent strange and startling surprises. One day while he was chatting with his fair cousins in the drawing room, the door suddenly opened and four young foxes rushed in, jumped on the sofas and tore the upholstery to tatters. Even male visitors had need of steady nerves, for it not infrequently happened that when they had fallen asleep, soothed with a comfortable nightcap lined with porter and champagne, they were startled suddenly from their slumbers by a staccato of pistol bullets striking the ceilings above their heads and bringing down showers of plaster upon them. Once when one of his hunting companions became stuck in a bog and begged Bismarck to pull him out, Bismarck said it was hopeless to try and that he had better be mercifully shot. Suiting action to the word he aimed his shotgun at his companion's head, but it proved unnecessary to "kill" him, for the unfortunate man made such frantic and desperate struggles to escape that he rescued himself.—Detroit News.

Mention of Petroleum

in Biblical Records

Although as a commercial proposition in western civilization petroleum may be said to date from 1859, when Colonel Drake "struck it" at Titusville, Pa., the substance has been known and used from time immemorial.

Biblical history records many interesting incidents of the use of oil, for instance, in the account of the building of the tower of Babel (Gen. 11:3) we read "slime had they for mortar," and that great historian, Herodotus, writing about the year 450 B. C., speaks of the use of bitumen in building the walls of Babylon, a fact confirmed by recent excavation work.

Again in the Scriptures we are told (Gen. 6:14) that the ark was covered "within and without with pitch." In later times, about 615 A. D., Japanese writings contain numerous references to "Burning Water"; China also records the use of mineral oil, and the ancient Egyptian rites of embalming were carried out with the aid of "Mumia" or pitch (Coptic).

Inedible Dainty

During the celebration of a golden wedding anniversary in Australia recently, a huge cake was placed on the table and Henry Pontz, the host, undertook to slice it. The first knife failed to mar the beauty of the cake and a carving knife was commandeered from the kitchen. It, also, proved inadequate and finally a hammer and chisel were brought into use. Under these implements the cake collapsed into a heap of lath and plaster. It developed that Mr. Pontz had selected the cake from a confectioner's window and the young woman clerk, being new in the place, had wrapped it and sent it to the Pontz home without knowing that it had been a plaster of paris creation, representing what a wedding cake should be.

Electricity to the Rescue

Visitors to the cathedral of Milan never fail to admire the beautiful red-tinted Arzo marble decorations of the Baptistery chapel. This famous marble was beginning to run short a year or two ago, although the demand for it is always growing.

The director of the quarries persuaded the engineers to supply him with electricity from the water-power of Tessin, close by, and electric saws now slit the marble into much finer pieces than could be made by the handsaws worked by the quarrymen. The result is that facings with the Arzo marble are actually cheaper than before, and a trade centuries old has been saved.

Skeleton in Salt Found

A lidless coffin filled with salt and containing a human skeleton was found recently by a farm hand on the shore of the Black Isle opposite Dingwall, Scotland. Appearances indicate that the drift of the tide had uncovered the gruesome objects only a short time before. There is a tradition in that vicinity of burials outside of the churchyard in olden times, and it is believed by the police that the find is the remains of one of them.

Umbrella in History

Umbrellas as screens against the sunshine have been used in the Far East from very remote times. They appear conspicuously in ancient Assyrian and Egyptian sculpture, where they seem to be an insignia of royalty. As protection against the rain, they were first used in England by women only in the reign of Queen Anne. Joseph Hanway, of London, appears to be the first Englishman to brave ridicule by using an umbrella.

Idea of Organ Is Old

The earliest organs were water-organs, and the first specimen was the work of Ctesibius, of Alexandria, in Egypt. Instruments from his design were carried to Rome during the First century A. D., and were played to accompany the great public games held to amuse the populace. It is probable that the organ was not introduced into churches until the end of the Seventh century.

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Until one gets near, probes deep, cares much, one may not discover it; but as one does one will. There is something inaccessible, something that does not respond, something, above all, that rejects responsibility.

There is a word for this thing the red-haired woman has not got, though it is one that has gone out of fashion and will probably be hailed with contempt. A soul. The red-haired woman has no soul.

There are men and women who have souls; there are men and women who have not; and we know them when we meet them. Red-headed women belong to the latter class; and there is no other form of words which will cover their peculiarities except that which declares that they have no souls.—Mary Agnes Hamilton in the Atlantic Monthly.

Ocean Bottom Lifted by Internal Upheaval

Can you picture a folding of the earth's crust strong enough to lift, in the space of 25 years, an area the size of Greater New York to a height of 11,000 feet? Such an enormous upheaval took place recently in the Atlantic, according to Popular Science Monthly, and was discovered by mere accident.

Twenty-five years ago a submarine cable was laid across the Atlantic ocean, passing near the British island of St. Helena. When laid, the cable rested on the bottom of the sea, about 14,700 feet below the surface. Recently, when it became necessary to repair the cable, it was discovered that part of the sea bottom had been lifted more than 11,000 feet, which brought the cable within 3,600 feet of the sea level.

Instinct Without Rudder

I wonder if we can differentiate between the mind and the instincts of the mind? If we can, I should prefer to say that instincts of the mind are discernible in the works of the great masters. But I am always apprehensive of metaphysical quicksands and mists, and before putting down the helm I will remark that the artist's instinct is the sail that carries the boat along, and his reason the rudder that keeps the boat's head to the wind; without the rudder the sail loses the wind. The simile seems to hold good. An instinct will carry the artist some distance, but if he have not reason he will drift like the rudderless boat, making no progress at all. — From "Avowals" by George Moore.

Building Up Millions

Anything is attainable, if one only starts in a small way and increases daily, say in his savings. None doubts he could save one cent a day, and there's the secret of wealth, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. To become a millionaire, all you have to do is to save one cent the first day, two cents the second day, four the third day, eight the fourth day, and so on, doubling the amount each day, and in 30 days you'll be a multimillionaire. The total will be nearly \$10,750,000. The final day's savings, however, must be more than \$5,000,000.

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"He studied it with sweet flowing fountains and traced it with long winding streams;

"He carpeted it with soft rolling prairies and columned it with thundering mountains;

"He graced it with deep-shadowed forests and filled them with song,

"Then he called unto a thousand peoples and summoned the bravest among them,

"They came from the ends of the earth, each bearing a gift and a hope.

"The glow of adventure was in their eyes, and in their hearts the glory of hope.

"And out of the bounty of earth and the labor of men;

"Out of the longing of hearts and the prayer of souls;

"Out of the memory of ages and the hopes of the world,

"God fashioned a nation in love, blessed it with purpose sublime, and called it America."

Gould Credited With French-Fried Potatoes

Like all others who take delight in a platter of crisp, hot French fried potatoes, I always supposed this particular way of preparing them was originated by some eminent French chef in the distant long ago, until along came one of those fellows who are always digging into history and finding things to shatter our pet illusions.

According to his version, the French fried potato originated not in France but in New York. One day, so the story goes, Jay Gould dropped into Delmonico's restaurant in that city and said: "I want potatoes quartered and fried in deep fat." The desire to imitate the doings of a Gould probably caused the use of potatoes fried in this way to assume the proportions of a fad, although, unlike many other fads, this one survived. For years these were known simply as quartered potatoes. Then Delmonico took to slicing them thinner and called them by the name under which they are now known throughout the country.

Whatever may be said of Jay Gould as a financier and railroad builder, all lovers of French fried potatoes are under lasting obligations to this forceful American.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Early Tax Exemptions

Cows were exempt from taxation in Ohio under the act of February 3, 1825. That act was the first provision for general property taxation and there were many exemptions, certain kinds of property being regarded as important in a new settlement. However, the cow exemption covered only one cow in the name of any one owner. The exemption was to encourage every householder to have a cow. Among other forms of property exempted were factories producing nails, leather, glass, salt, cotton or woolen goods, grist and saw mills, paper mills and distilleries. Whisky seems to have been looked upon then as an indispensable product. To encourage purchase of lands in the state by settlers, the act provided that such lands should be free from taxation for five years after the purchase.—Detroit News.

Excuse Not All Bad

When I make an excuse for myself—and goodness knows I have made many of them—I always feel somewhat guilty. Yet I am not sure that the excuse habit is entirely without its good side. It evidences at least a disposition to make matters appear better than they really are, and this, in turn, evidences a pride or self-respect of a sort, which qualities are commendable to some extent. The difficulty lies in one's inability to repair consequences in this way. As Lem Gidge said to the family cow, "Your eyes are wellsprings of innocence and your hearing is that of blamelessness, but the milk's spilled and your foot's in the bucket just the same, dogblast you!"—Portland Oregonian.

Oldtime Home Brewing

Brewing beer was a respectable household task among families along the Tigris and Euphrates rivers 9,000 years ago. Evidence of this high antiquity of the craft of brewing and its place in ancient social systems of Babylonia and Egypt has been traced by German scientists of the Society of History and Bibliography of Brewing. There were laws about drinking in those days, the report shows. Certain rations of beer were allowed to each class of workers. Beer was also used in mixing medicines, and as an offering to the gods. Brewing was an organized business as early as 5000 B. C., it is stated.

Use of "Assignats"

The assignats or notes issued by the French revolutionary government between 1789 and 1796 were used as currency until they became valueless. They were issued on the security of lands of the crown, the church, the nobles and emigres, which had been appropriated, and they were inconvertible except in payment for the public lands. The total issue of assignats was over 45,000,000,000 francs.

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A knowledge of first aid methods possessed by a crew of telephone linemen recently saved the life of Arthur Jahn, a rancher on Hellier Road, near San Jose.

Jahn, working on a pump, caught his arm in a gas engine, severed an artery and sustained other injuries. He was in danger of bleeding to death. His wife, seeking assistance shouted to Joe Reed, Ralph Childs and Emil Brady, a telephone company line crew working nearby.

The linemen rushed to the scene with their first aid kits and quickly applied emergency measures taught to telephone company workers. The flow of blood was stopped and Jahn was removed to a hospital in the linemen's truck. Jahn is now well on the way to recovery.

MR. AND MRS. BONE GO O LOS ANGELES FOR TRIP

Rev. and Mrs. Bone are spending a few days at Los Angeles, attending the commencement exercises at Occidental College, from which their eldest son, Ewing, is graduating and receiving his A. B. degree. Mr. and Mrs. Bone were to drive down by machine, stopping on the way to visit friends at Clovis, California, where Mr. Bone was formerly pastor, and returning by way of Newman to visit Mr. Bone's mother, Mrs. Ewing of that place.

Ewing Bone will return with his parents and will make his home in Menlo Park. Next year he plans to enter Stanford for post-graduate work and later enter the teaching profession. During Mr. Bone's absence, the local pulpit at the Presbyterian church will be filled by the Rev. Mr. Harbaugh and the Rev. Mr. Webb.



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